

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
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DESKTOP THERMAL LENS MICROSCOPE  
APPARATUS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents.  
Washington, D.C.  
Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Kindly amend claim 4 as follows.

4. (Amended) A method for performing a chemical analysis, characterized by including a step of performing a chemical analysis of a very small value of quantity in a micro spatial region on a chip with the use of the desktop thermal lens microscope according to claim 1.

ATTACHMENT D